Meeting of the DCU Civic Engagement Forum at 10.00 am on Tuesday 26th September 2017 in CG35– Henry Grattan Building, Dublin City University.

Attendance:
Deiric Ó Broin (Chairperson), Aisling McKenna, Danielle Montgomery, Ronnie Munck, Natalja Matease, Samantha Fahy, Pauline Willis, Padraig Murphy, Siobhan Seoighe, Susan Hawkins, Des McLaughlin, Siobhán Nic Thaidhg.

Apologies:
William Kelly, John Kelly, Barry McMullin, Caitriona Mordan, Joanna Ozarowska.

1. Minutes

The minutes were agreed.

2. Matters arising

Deiric Ó Broin updated the meeting in terms of the Civic Engagement Forum memberships. It was noted that Danielle Monthomery is representing the Faculty for Education and we are still waiting for 1 nominee from Science and Health.

Also Campus Engage update to be provided at the next meeting.

3. Reports and Updates

DCU Fuse

Aisling McKenna updated the meeting on the online brainstorming session which took place from Thursday 30th to Friday 31st March 2017 followed by a
staff survey, which showed the usefulness of the tool and contained practical suggestions and recommendations. The results were fed into the working groups and SMG. The results will be analysed and linked to the final strategy document and communicated to staff.

Strategic Plan 2012-2017

The strategic plan and lack of clarity around the implementation plan was discussed and 7 objectives on Engagement were noted. The copy of the plan is available online: http://www.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/marketing/digitalmedia/presidents-office/strategic-plan/html5/index.html?page=1

Quality Review

It was noted that the quality review is commencing of Vice President’s office of External Affairs and it is an opportunity for tighter coherence with Engagement and for feeding into the strategy.

DCU Sustainability

Samantha Fahy updated the committee on different DCU Sustainability areas. It was noted that:

- DCU have signed MOU with Cloughjordan EcoVillage in Tipperary with workshops for students on urban gardening to follow
- There is a new lovely grow dome in the Community Garden which can become a meeting space

DCU in the Community

- Volunteer Fair will be held this Thursday 28th September in DCU Sport Centre with 40 organizations attending
- DCU in the Community report (please see Appendix 1)

NorDubCo

Deiric Ó Broin informed the meeting that NorDubCo does a Civic Society Capacity Building Programme and this year they do Risk Assessment work with non profits. Also the director training programme to commence in early 2018.
4. AOB

It was agreed that the next meeting of Forum will take place off campus in the Rediscovery Centre at 10am on Tuesday 21st November.
Appendix 1

DCU in the Community Update
DCU Civic Engagement Forum, 26th September, 2017

DCU in the Community Annual report 2016/2017 is currently in design with DCU Marketing and will be published shortly. The Annual Report will be distributed to all DCU Civic Engagement Forum members.

Academic Year 2016-2017 in a Snapshot

- 180+ learners across all programmes
- 160+ hours of educational guidance, student support and mentoring
- Assistance with 25+ applications to higher and further education
- 11 courses and programmes delivered on site and jointly with community partners
- 9 workshops delivered during Summer School 2017
- 200+ DCU student volunteers and service learners linked with local and national organisations

DCU in the Community – School Visits

In August and September 2017 DCU in the Community and Office of Civic Engagement staff met with Heads of DCU Schools and attended School meetings to promote opportunities for engagement (DCUBS; Nursing & Human Sciences; English; Art Education And Movement; Mathematical Sciences; Fiontar; Biotechnology; STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies). More School meetings to be scheduled for October-December 2017.

Adult Education and Lifelong Learning Programmes 2017/2018

- Bridge to Education (QQI L5) – college preparation programme for mature students x 2
- Psychology (QQI L5) x 2
- Community Organisation Management (QQI L6) – NEW – x 2
- Creative Digital Media iMac x 3
- Boxing Clever (progressive rehabilitation programme; partnership with Ballymun Drugs Task Force, HSE, DCC, BYAP) x 1
- Summer School
- Planning to engage 180-220 learners over the academic year

All September – December 2017 courses start this week and are now full, with waiting lists proving there is ongoing demand for adult education and lifelong learning programmes. Learners recruited predominantly from North Dublin, but also beyond. There will be four participants travelling from Mosney Accommodation Centre providing a fit with University of Sanctuary initiative. The new Community Organisation Management L6 module will be attended by representatives from local and national organisations, e.g. Tusla, Barnardos, Focus Ireland, Sophia Housing, local drugs task forces etc.

DCU Volunteering – Recent Updates

- Talks delivered to all incoming DCU students during Orientation Week
- DCU Student Volunteer Handbook updated and included in Orientation Packs
• Volunteer Fair to be held on 29th September in DCU Sports Hall
• www.studentvolunteer.ie system managed by DCU in the Community on behalf of DCU
• A DCU Volunteering Award proposal submitted to Billy Kelly, Dean of Teaching & Learning

Community-Based Learning/Community-Based Research
• CBL/CBR workshop “Participate” held at DCU in May jointly with Campus Engage (25+ staff in attendance)
• Follow up event scheduled for July 2017 – strong interest but cancelled due to staff annual leave – postponed until November 2017

Staffing Update

• Ruth Lynam appointed a full-time DCU Student Volunteering Coordinator with key responsibility to promote volunteering activity among DCU students and www.studentvolunteer.ie system